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October 7, 2003

Mr. John H. Robertus, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite A
San Diego, CA 92123

Subject: Cease and Desist Order NO. 2001-198 dated 6/20/2001

Dear Mr. Robertus:

This letter is a follow up to our letter dated July 30, 2003 (copy attached) and the Annual Monitoring Report (CTSW-RT-03-036, June 2003). In the letter, Caltrans (Department) requested that the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board) determine that the objectives of monitoring the Compost Storm Filter (CSF) systems have been met. The Department also requested that the Board remove Directive No. 4 from the Board's Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. 2001-198. This is based upon the findings in the monitoring report, which stated that the CSF systems exported nutrients and it would be unlikely that additional monitoring would yield any different results.

The Board placed this amendment request to the CDO on its Consent calendar to be heard on September 10, 2003. However, the September Hearing was cancelled and no vote was taken. It is our understanding that this item will be placed on the Consent calendar for the November 12, 2003 Hearing. Pending the Board's resolution at this Hearing, the Department requests to modify our Monitoring Plan to delay the monitoring start date until December 1, 2003.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Grace Piña-Garrett, NPDES Branch Chief at (949) 724-2189.

Sincerely,

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